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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

DEPT PLEASE PASS AFL-CIO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELAB, EINV, SF, US
SUBJECT: RUMORED CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

REF: JOHANNESBURG 0362

1. ACCORDING TO KELVIN WILLIAMS, RELIABLE SOURCE IN ANGLO-AMERICAN CORPORATION, RUMOR IS CIRCULATING IN SOUTH AFRICA OF MOVE IN U.S. CONGRESS FOR IMPOSITION ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. IN THIS CONTEXT, CHRIS DU TOIT, PERSONNEL CONSULTANT TO ANGLO-AMERICAN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE POWERFUL SOUTH AFRICAN EMPLOYERS' CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AFFAIRS (SACCOLA), HAS INSTRUCTED WILLIAMS TO CONTACT SKAKES SIKHIKHANE, LEADER OF URBAN TRAINING PROJECT BLACK UNIONS, AND BANNED TRADE UNION ADVISOR LOET DOWWES DEKKER, TO SEND "URGENT APPEALS TO AFL-CIO TO TAKE STRONGEST POSSIBLE ACTION TO AVOID IMPOSITION BY U.S. CONGRESS OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA".

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2. LABOR OFFICER AND ACTING COMMERCIAL OFFICER HAVE HAD SIMILAR CONCERN EXPRESSED TO THEM BY BUSINESSMEN AND JOURNALIST AIDA PARKER (THE CITIZEN) IN PAST FEW DAYS. WE HAVE REPLIED TO ALL INQUIRIES THAT WE ARE UNAWARE, AT THIS TIME, OF ANY SUCH MOVE IN CONGRESS.

3. SINCE WILLIAMS IS TRYING TO AVOID ASKING BLACK TRADE UNION
LEADERS TO CABLE AFL-CIO, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE
DEPARTMENT CAN OFFER.
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